

COUNTY OF KAUAI
Minutes of Meeting
OPEN SESSION

Board/Committee:		Committee on the Status of Women	Meeting Date	January 18, 2017
Location	Mo`ikeha Building – Meeting Room 2A/B		Start of Meeting: 5:00 p.m.	End of Meeting: 6:00 p.m.
Present	Vice-Chair Edie Ignacio-Neumiller; Members: Kathy Crowell, Wendy Martinez, Erika Valente; Virginia Beck (<i>arrived at 5:21 p.m.</i> and HSCSW Kaua`i Representative Lisa Ellen Smith. Also present: Board & Commissions Office Staff: Support Clerk Mercedes Omo; Administrator Jay Furfaro and Deputy County Attorney Mark Bradbury			
Excused	Chair Sharon Lasker and Jenai Hart			
Absent				

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Call To Order		Vice Chair Ignacio-Neumiller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with four (4) members present constituting a quorum.
Approval of Minutes	Regular Open Session Minutes of December 21, 2016.	Ms. Crowell moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 21, 2016. Ms. Valente seconded the motion. The motion carried 4:0.
Business CSW 2016-07	<p><u>Discussion and possible action on a showing (s) of the film “Miss South Pacific”. Deferred on 12/21/2016.</u></p> <p>The members were informed that the Convention Hall would not be available on April 21, 2017. Vice Chair Ignacio-Neumiller asked for an update on the availability of the Waimea Theatre for April 29, 2017 event. Staff informed the members that Chair Lasker left a message for Mr. Nizo to get in touch with her but she’s still waiting to hear back from him on whether or not the facility would be available on the 29th.</p>	

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CSW 2016-13	<p><u>Continued discussion and possible action to approve a draft resolution that supports the principles of eliminating all forms of discrimination against women and working with the Council for its passage. (Deferred on 12/21/2016)</u></p> <p>Ms. Smith stated if she was a voting member she would like to defer the item until the next meeting, but because she's not a voting member someone from the committee needs to make the motion. Ms. Smith explained that the reason she wants to defer the item until the next meeting is because she has not received any feedback from any of the members since the document was originally circulated in November.</p> <p>Ms. Crowell said that she felt the resolution was too lengthy. Vice Chair Ignacio-Neumiller noted that she thought there was some discussion about shortening the length of resolution to make it more reader friendly. Ms. Valente asked if the committee's resolution should reflect the same message as the national resolution. Ms. Smith replied not necessarily because the other mainland cities including Hawaii changed their resolution into an ordinance.</p> <p>Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller asked Ms. Smith if she could revised the document and then send the revised version to Mercedes for forwarding to the members for feedback to which Ms. Smith replied sure. With no further comments, Vice Chair Ignacio-Neumiller called for a motion to defer item CSW 2016-13 for continued discussion at the next month's meeting.</p>	<p>Ms. Crowell moved to defer item CSW 2016-13 to the February meeting. Ms. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried 4:0.</p>
CSW 2016-14	<p><u>2017 Career Day</u></p> <p>The following are highlights of the discussion.</p> <p><u>Date/time/location of event</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 3, 2017, from 11a.m. – 3 p.m.at the Kaua'i Beach Resort • Boards and Commissions will sign the catering agreement and cover the advance deposit of \$250 (due on January 20th) 	

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	<p><u>Students/School Counselors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenai confirmed 8 students and 2 school counselors from Kapa‘a High School; working on Title Guaranty for sponsorship • Erika – 10 students from Island School are confirmed. • Kaua‘i High School confirmed (no actual count yet) • Kathy – 5 students from Waimea High School are confirmed • Virginia – 10 students from Kanuikapono Charter School and 6 students from the Kanaka School are confirmed. Still working on getting students from the Kawaikini Charter School to participate. Suggestion was made to invite students from the last career day event to give testimony <p><u>Sponsors to date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmembers Derek Kawakami (1) and Mel Rapozo (2); State Farm Agent Michael Martinez (3) ; Ink Spot (2); and Erika Valente (10 girls from Island School) • On February 13th Ms. Smith said she will be heading to O‘ahu to attend the State Commission on the Status of Women meeting and will be asking for funding specifically for the Career event. <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <p>The following speakers are confirmed (with the exception of Ms. Marissa Sandblum). Each speaker will be given 20 minutes each to speak.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheryl Grady • Nancy Golden • Sue Kanoho • Char Ravelo • Abbey Santos (Ms. Beck to redirect her conversation with Ms. Santos to accommodate what the committee wants). • Marissa Sandblum (Kathy will contact her) 	

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	<p><u>Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Valente said she will put together some interaction activities for the girls to participate in prior to speaker's presentation. She also suggested since March 3rd is Girls Day perhaps it would be nice to incorporate its meaning into the event. • Podium/mic (included) • 10:30 a.m. members present • 11 – 11:30 a.m. meet & greet all attendees (to include girls interaction time) • 11:35 a.m. Brief welcoming by Chair Lasker and introduction of Mayor Carvalho and speakers; present leis) • 11:45 a.m. Mayor to address the attendees • 11:55 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. lunch (speakers seated at tables) followed by a short restroom break. Program will begin after restroom break. Each speaker will be given 20 minutes. Program should end at approximately at 3 p.m. • Lisa Ellen and Erika have agreed to work on the program and a flyer. <p><u>Format suggestions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place one speaker at each table • No keynote speaker <p><u>Gift Bags/leis</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathy will work with Boards and Commissions on selecting items for the gift bags once the grant funding from the HSCSW is received and approved by Council. • Members to get other donated items • B&C to order 7 leis for Mayor and Guest Speakers 	
	<p><u>March Women's History Month – Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at the Kaua'i War Memorial Convention Hall.</u></p>	

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	<p>Vice Chair Ignacio-Neumiller said that the national theme for this year is entitled “Honoring Trail Blazing Women in Labor and Business”.</p> <p>Ms. Beck inquired whether or not Ms. Sandblum could speak to the women of Grove Farm. She said that relationship between the national theme and the past history of Kaua‘i’s working women makes her think about all of the women who worked in the plantation. She noted that while others may not think of them as trail blazing women they are the ones who laid down the foundation for women.</p> <p>Administrator Furfaro said that the person that comes to mind is Aunty Louise Marston, owner of the famous Tahiti Nui bar and Resturant in Hanalei. Other notable mentions are Queen Kapule and Mabel Wilcox.</p> <p>Vice Chair Ignacio-Neumiller asked the members if they still want to have business owner Abbey Santos as one of the speakers for the event. Ms. Beck said that she’s all for it but history wise wouldn’t it be appropriate to have someone from the past with a history in labor and business as one of the speakers, asking who in the local community with that type of background could the members contact.</p> <p>Ms. Valente suggested inviting someone from the hula community. Ms. Beck stated the only person that comes to mind is Kumu Hula Leina’ala Jardine, adding that she will do more research and then report back to the committee on her findings at the next meeting. She added in the interest of time everyone should keep an on-going list of potential candidates to avoid from getting to this point of the discussion.</p> <p>Vice Chair Ignacio-Neumiller said that she thought the committee already has an on-going list of potential speakers from last year to which Ms. Beck replied the committee has a resource list but it doesn’t have an on-going list of potential candidates for the Women’s History month. She added one way to bring attention to the list is to go out into the community and ask the public to submit the names of people who they would like to see at the event that way the committee will always</p>	

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	<p>have a list of names they can go to when it comes time to contact them to see if they would like to participate. In the meantime, she would complete on her list of the people who she contacted by the end of the week, and will email her list to everyone.</p> <p>Vice Chair Ignacio-Neumiller asked Ms. Beck if she had the opportunity to contact Hoike to which Ms. Beck replied no she didn't, and will do on Friday. With no further discussion, Vice Chair Ignacio-Neumiller moved on to item CSW 2016-16.</p>	
CSW 2016-16	<p><u>Discussion on allocating funds in the Committee's budget (Deferred on 12/21/2016)</u></p> <p>Ms. Beck explained that the reason she had asked (at that time) to have matter placed on the agenda for discussion was because she had concerns about how the committee was spending its money on items that would not benefit the committee or the community in the long run. She stated that after giving it a lot of thought maybe it would be a good investment (fiscal) if a member of the committee would join another organization that's part of a network of other organizations like the Kaua'i Planning and Action Alliance. She cited that the membership would give the committee a voice to speak out about women issues that are at the state level as well as hear about issues KPAA are concerned about and together work as a team to support those issues.</p>	<p>Ms. Beck moved that the committee consider allocating funds in the committee's budget to cover of the cost of the registration for one of its members to join an organization the committee sees fit. Ms. Valente seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.</p>
CSW 2016-17	<p>Discussion and possible action on forming a permitted interaction committee to respond and act on state legislative bills during the 2017 legislature session. (Deferred on 12/21/2016)</p> <p>Ms. Crowell reported that she provided the members with copies of her draft testimony to review and provide feedback. Ms. Smith thanked Ms. Crowell for creating the draft testimonies. Vice Chair Ignacio-Neumiller asked Ms. Crowell if she would like to Chair the committee. Ms. Beck said she would work with Ms. Crowell. Ms. Smith said she would help out as well, noting that on January 26, 2017 the Women's Caucus legislative package will be ready for release. With no further discussion, Vice Chair Ignacio-Neumiller called for the motion.</p>	<p>Ms. Beck moved to form a permitted interaction committee consisting of herself, Ms. Crowell and Ms. Smith to respond and act on state legislative bills. Ms. Valente seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.</p>

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CSW 2016-18	<p>Discussion on assigning a committee member to be the liaison between the Committee on the Status of Women and the Kaua‘i Planning Action Alliance. (Deferred on 12/21/2016)</p> <p>As a follow-up to item CSW 2016-16, Vice Chair Ignacio-Neumiller called for the motion to nominate a member of the committee as the liaison between the CSW and the KPAA.</p>	<p>Ms. Crowell moved to nominate Ms. Beck as the liaison between the Committee and the Kaua‘i Planning & Action Alliance. Ms. Valente seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.</p>
Announcements	<p>Next regular monthly meeting – Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the Mo‘ikeha Building, Meeting Room 2A/2B.</p> <p>The following announcements were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Smith announced on January 26, 2017 the Women’s Caucus legislative package will be released. She will provide the information to the members via Staff. • On Saturday, January 21, 2017 from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. the grassroots organizers of the Women March will be hold a sign waving event as a message to the new administration and to the world that women’s rights are human rights. The sign holding event will be held at entrance to the Lihu‘e Airport on Kapule and Ahukini Highway. • Carol Ann Davis revised the YWCA’s 1970’s logo. • The Zonta Club of Kaua‘i is having its Eat Dessert First on February 24, 2017 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Kaua‘i Beach Resort. Tickets are \$30 in advance. 	
Adjournment		<p>With no further business to conduct Vice Chair Ignacio-Neumiller declared the meeting adjourned.</p> <p>At 6:00 p.m. the meeting</p>

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		adjourned.

Submitted by: _____
Mercedes Omo, Staff Support Clerk

Reviewed and Approved by: _____
Sharon Lasker, Chair

☒ Approved as circulated on February 15, 2017.

☐ Approved as amended. See minutes of _____ meeting.